MRAC Club Meeting 1/27/2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.
Previous meeting minutes were read by Jim, WB9LNU and approved as written.
Treasures report -- Total $ 7868.90 including the CD.
Ken, W9MOT also ~~resigned~~ will be getting out this Spring, as Treasurer. Dave will be looking for a replacement. He may appoint someone until the next elections. Any volunteers?? Dave thanked Ken for all his efforts these past years.

Dave, WB9BWP, our President, says that we made a few dollars on this years Christmas party and that we all had fun. The food was good and also the company. Vern, W9RYA was thanked for his efforts to organize a party and arrange for the food. Also thanks to Matt, KB9PRC for getting the flowers and to Ken for his help on organizing the badges and the party details. Next year Dave hopes the party committee will handle all the details so the board does not have to be so involved.

The club patches are in. Anyone interested, see Ken, W9MOT.

Jerry KC9EV passed away. We will take a volunteer replacement until the elections. Anyone interested? A permanent replacement will be elected at the May meeting.

The board is considering bringing back the old time MRAC auction at the May meeting. Any volunteers to help??

We need a ARRL Field Day Chairman for this year. Besides Jim, WB9LNU whom we can always count on. Volunteer?????

If you have E-Mail , the Chatter may be available soon electronically. It will save some cost on postage.

Dave explained the basics of the new FCC rules changes and new license classes. Tom, KF9PU explained the new paperwork procedures. John, KF9XL explained the new test procedures. Exact details on license changes can be found in QST or CQ magazine or on the FCC WEB site.

Warren, K9IZV says we have 41 in attendance at the meeting.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:12.

A member participation night followed. We all sat in a circle so we could see one another. Each

member told the group how they got started on ham radio , what they do for a living and some very interesting stories of things they have done in their lifetime. All found this concept of getting to know each other very interesting. With 41 members present we only got half way through and had to call the meeting due to time restraints. We expect to continue at the February meeting. Dave received some very nice comments on his idea to get everyone together like this.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 2/26/2000

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved with one correction, Ken, W9MOT will stay on as Treasurer until someone replaces him. We need a volunteer badly.

Treasurers report -- $3,123.02 Liquid and $8,123.02 Total with CD. Between the dues and the interest the club gets on our last CD, we barely can cover our yearly expenses. The Chatter uses most of the dues money. We also have Field Day, insurance, Christmas Party and other business expenses.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Badges were given out at the meeting. Remember, to get your badge, you must come to a meeting.

Kate, KA9MWT has volunteered to replace Jerry, KC9EV on the board until the elections this year. April is nominations month and May is the elections. All officers and 3 directors are up for election. We need volunteers to help the club. It's a good way to get to know everyone and have fun while your at it.

A repeater and friday night net survey will be in the Chatter. The repeater amp is up for sale and a 110 watt UHF amp. The survey will be self explanatory when you see it.

Del Clark donated a computer printer to the club which will be used to print mailing labels, badges etc:

The club will have a auction in May. Anyone can sell equipment at the auction for themselves or donate to the club. More details at the next meeting.

We need a Christmas Party committee again this year. This time the group will have total charge of the arrangements. Vern, W9RYA has volunteered again this year to find a place for the party. He has also volunteered to help at the club auction in May and offered some details on how to run an auction.

We need a Field Day Chairman again this year. The Chairman must arrange for the food and do the log entry for the ARRL. The club equipment will be brought out buy WB9LNU.

Dave, WB9BWP, or president auctioned off some more equipment for the club.

John, KF9XL gave the latest news regarding the VEC testing program and explained the new rules after April 15th. New CSCE's and test will be used. The only code test will be for 5 WPM.

Silent keys, W9ROM and W9GIL.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:20.

A continuation of January's member awareness talks followed. More very interesting stories.

Thanks to our devoted kitchen crew for the soda and donuts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 3/30/2000

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- Liquid assets 3,622.27 Total with CD $8,622.27.
Ken, W9MOT also reports that almost all members have now paid their dues for this year.
The club has some extra patches available. They are $5.00 each. See Ken at a meeting if you want one.
Vern, W9RYA was in the hospital, but O.K. now. He is still working on a place for our Christmas party.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave, WB9BWP our President gave the latest general news of whats happening around town and swapfest etc: We have several new members who signed up.

Warren, K9IZV, says that we have 52 in attendance tonight.

VEC news -- April at AES, testing from 8:45 to 12:00. April 17th a paperwork session only for all those that meet the new license qualifications implemented by the FCC on April 15th.

Brian, KB9LCQ, is having a new club banner made to be used at the club table at swapfest and Field Day etc: The banner is being paid for by special donations from the board members and regular members. Any of you that would like to help, please send your contribution to Ken Eggert. $5.00 is O.K. Several board members have donated upwards of $20.00 each.

We need nominations and volunteers at the next club meeting to run for all officer and three director positions. The election is at the May meeting. The May meeting is also the club auction night. Any member can auction their gear for themselves. A minimum price can be set prior to the auction. Equipment can be donated to the club if you wish.

The clubs repeater amp is for sale. $300.00 The amp will take 10 watts input maximum and delivers 100 watts out. Requires 12 volt power. The unit was used about 6 months. Since we bought our new repeater, which has 30 watts out, we can not use the amp we now have.

The clubs new WEB site, thanks to the efforts of our president, is WWW.QSL.NET/MRAC and messages to any board member can be sent via W9RH@ARRL.NET

Jerry, WA9SFH, says that KA9MTY's equipment is for sale. See Jerry for prices.

Field Day -- A Chairman is needed. Food and ARRL logs are among the duties.

Dave did his usual best to auction off more equipment donated to the club by Del Clark, KA9ZMK. Del has been extremely generous with all the new equipment he has donated over the last two years. Thank You Very Much Del!!!!
Our guest speaker for the evening, Don, W9IXG, Wisconsin ARRL Section Manager donated a ARRL 2000 Manual. It was auctioned also.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Our guest can be reached through W9IXG@ARRL.ORG or 608-274-1886
He also has a web site W9IXG.EBOARD.COM The evening talk was about what a section manager does and what volunteers they need.

Thanks to Tom and Jacqie for their help with the raffle and also to our kitchen crew for the soda, coffee and donuts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

New Treas. Les – KB9QZQ

MRAC Club Meeting 4/27/2000

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report, Liquid assets - $4,268.26 Total with CD - $9,268.26

Anyone who has renewed their membership and is not receiving the Chatter, please let Brian, K9LCQ know and he will make the necessary corrections to his list.

The mic was passed for all to ID.

Dave, WB9BWP, our president, showed the new banner which Brian ,K9LCQ, had made.The banner will be used at swap fest and field day etc: Dave will also be sending a letter to AES for all their nice deeds at testing and providing a club table. AES also provided the VE test team with a free lunch.

VEC news. John, KF9XL, Says the FCC decided to still use the ULS system for now. The new CORS system is temporally on hold. You can now access the ULS system directly via your computer for address changes. The Memorial Day weekend will be the last test session for the summer. Testing will resume in the fall.

May meeting night is also the club auction night. The club will ask 10% of your selling price.

The program for the evening was canceled in favor of more chat time between the members.

Vern, W9RYA, is checking at the Patio Club for this years Christmas party.

Dave, WB9BWP, read some of the surveys sent in on the repeater. The survey basically said to leave things as they are. Except for a better location. And add the old controller back on the system.

Dave auctioned off more goodies. This time they were donated by Roger, W9UVV. Roger also offered to help any member that has any technical questions about ham radio. It was suggested that a technical help group be established and a list of the members offering help be published in the Chatter.

Nominations for next months elections. Officers President Dave, WB9BWP
1st V.P. Matt, KB9PRC
2nd V.P. Brian, K9LCQ
} Automatic

Treasurer Les Hunt KB9QZQ 3 automatic
Secretary Jim WB9LNU

Directors Ken W9MOT
Wil W9ZOL
~~Mark KB9LDX~~ John Krack KF9XL?
MARK KB9LDX
Tom KF9PU
Kate KA9MWT

Dave has appointed John Merkl to fill in for ~~Dick~~ who resigned ~~for health reasons~~.
Al AA9XH

Thanks to our kitchen crew for the soda and donuts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting June, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

No previous minutes were read due to no business meeting in May.

Treasurers report -- Our new treasurer did not have all the files yet from Ken, our parting treasurer. The total recorded at the board meeting was $2,268.85 plus the club CD and the VEC fund. The club will have a new P.O. Box located near our new Treasurers QTH. The new box number will be in the next Chatter.

Dave, WB9BWP says that we made about $140 for the club at the auction in May.

Dave welcomed our new Treasurer and all members who were re-elected and appointees to the board.

Brian, K9LCQ reports that it was an experience to be Chairman of Field Day. He had fun and everyone else did also. He gave special thanks to Barb for the hot lunch and breakfast the following morning. Barb was also the only operator still on the air at 3 in the morning.

Brian will have the roster ready for distribution in the next Chatter.

Tom, KF9PU will be attending the NCVEC conference this year on July 21st. The conference will have talks on band restructuring and other topics.

Dave informed the members of the boards decision to have only 8 Chatters next year. This reduction will save the club about $700.00 The Chatters will contain all the meeting dates for the whole year starting in January. They will come out every 6 weeks instead of every 4 weeks.

The club repeater will stay where it is for now. Any new site will have to be rent free since the club uses all it's dues for Field Day, Christmas Party, Chatter's and operating expenses.

The Board is trying to set up something in the way of classes for members to up grade and for new hams. CW classes will be taught over the air. If we can organize quickly, will are looking at October to start classes. More on this in the next Chatter.

Dave, our President presented Dick, WB9PTC with a certificate of appreciation for all his past efforts to teach CW over the air. And for promoting MRAC. Dick got a standing ovation form the membership.

Dave auctioned off more equipment donated to the club by Del Clark. Del has been very generous to the club these past years. THANK YOU Del!!!

Warren, K9IZV reports that we have 38 in attendance at the meeting tonight.

Verne, W9RYA will make the clubs Christmas Party reservations for December 3ed. He will put $250.00 down to hold the room. The party will be located at the Patio Club at 1421 E. Howard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Matt, KB9PRC gave a talk on Decibels.

Thank to Tom and Jacqie for doing the raffle and to our kitchen crew for the coffee, soda and donuts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Wb9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 7/27/2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:38.
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- $2,547.75 plus the CD.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave, our President, informed the members of our new P.O. Box number, 070695. All mail sent to the old box will automatically be forwarded for one year.
Dave passed out blank membership applications to all present so they have one in case they meet someone who would like to join the club.

The clubs WEB site address and board members E-Mail addresses will be in all Chatters from now on.

Tom , KF9PU, gave the NCVEC conference report. There will be no band restructuring at this time. The morse test will be standardized using the Farnsworth method. 13 to 15 WPM character speed with 5 WPM spacing. 1 minute of solid copy is also O.K. The written test will be changed to fill in the blank. You must get 7 questions correct.

Jim, WB9LNU wrote the history of MRAC and the world, year by year, that will be included with the new member package and also broken up into several issues of the Chatter. Dave passed the original copy around for all to look at.

There has been some talk that AES may resume with there TECH video classes soon.
The club will be looking for volunteer teacher if we are able to find classroom space. We also would like volunteers to teach CW over the air like Dick, WB9PTC has done in the past.

From now on, all meeting dates for the whole year will appear in each Chatter.

Brian, K9LCQ, reports that we made 1564 points at Field Day. This is very close to our usual average.

Vern, W9RYA, has reserved the Patio Club for the MRAC Christmas Party. He is looking for a volunteer to help his with all the small details of the party. Party dates will be clearly listed in the Chatter. Along with advanced ticket order blanks.

Rick, WB9GYT, gave the July DX report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

W9EMC , gave a talk on kit built equipment he made and the expertise needed to make a successful kit.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 8/31/2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:37.
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- Liquid assets $2176.79 plus the Club CD.

Dave, our president reported that W9JK's tower is down. Jack says anybody can have it, if they come and get it. It has some damage but also some good sections. Also Travis Baird's XYL has some open racks she would like to get out of her basement.

The club repeater is off for awhile. Jim has removed it from Ed Wille's house. Dave and Matt are installing it at the new site. Listen for it!! The new site is near 27th and Capitol Dr.

The club is looking for teachers to start a over the air CW class A.S.A.P. Also we need volunteers to teach the written General Class. Brian, K9LCQ is arranging for a room at WCTC. See Chatter for details.

Vern, W9RYA is looking for volunteers to help with the small details for the club Christmas party. Contact Vern if you wish to help.

Dave -- The ARRL Central Division Director is up for re-election again. The incumbent has not responded to any of our request to come to a club meeting. Time to vote for some new blood.

Rick -- WB9GYT asked that more members present at the meeting try to check in on the ten meter net. 28.490 at 8:45 Friday nights.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU Secretary

Program was on Cross banding with VHF and UHF radios and how this helps extend your repeaters range as well as your low power HT.
Thanks to our kitchen crew for the soda and donuts.

MRAC Club Meeting 9/29/2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:30
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- Total liquid assets $7,893.72 including the clubs $5,000 CD.
The mic was passed for all to ID.
Dave, WB9BWP, -- Notice to all members -- VE testing will resume in Sept. The CW test will be in the new format established by the NCVEC's. 5WPM, with 25 characters correct in a row or 7 questions correct on the fill in the blank test.
The club will start with classes again on Nov. 4th and 11th. 9 to 12 at AES. The classes will be for the Tech license.
We are still looking for a volunteer teacher for the CW over the air classes. At the beginning of next year we will have a General class. Look for details in the Chatter. Class is free to members. $15 for non-members. Any non-member who passes to test will get one year of free membership in the club.

The repeater is not ready yet. Antenna's and coax must still be installed. Should be ready by mid-Nov.

A sign-up sheet was passed around, looking for additional volunteers to teach classes and CW.

The Christmas party was discussed with the members. The total cost per person is around $19 if we put the beer and soda in with the cash bar instead of providing it with the meal. The meal includes coffee and milk. The soda and flowers could be donated by a member as it has been in the past.

Notice to all members. Jerry Melotik's XYL has an antenna she would like to sell. Phone 358-0107.

Discussion between the members has concluded that every once and awhile we should have a meeting format that allows the members to discuss what they hear on the air and operating practice's. What's new with antenna's, radio's etc:

Business meeting adjourned at 8:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 10/26/2000

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- $2111.60 in liquid assets.

Special note: Jerry Melotec's XYL still has some small items that she would like to sell.

Dave, WB9BWP, -- Notice!! -- The VEC group will be testing on Saturday. The Tech class at AES starts on Nov. 4th. John, WB9PSE, will do CW over the air as soon as he gets his station ready to do so.
Dec. 3ed., don't forget the club Christmas Party. Send your money to the club P.O. Box. The total will be $19.00 each. We need to know how many are coming at least two weeks before the party.

The November meeting will be on making two meter antenna's out of 300 ohm twin lead and a J-pole out of copper tubing. Jim, WB9LNU will provide the twin lead free. Everyone should make one.

The E-Mail version of the Chatter is helping very much to save the club money on printing cost and postage. The Board will present the membership with a estimated budget for next year at the Nov. meeting.

Special notice from Jack, W9JK. He has a 50 foot tower he will give away for free if you come and get it. Also Sue Wille has a 40 foot tower that belonged to Ed, W9PWG, that she would like to sell for $60.00.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:10. Matt, KB9PRC, held his discussion on antenna's and decided to make some simple antenna's at the November meeting.

Very special thanks to our kitchen crew and our raffle team for all their help this past year. Also special thanks to the members of the Board for a very enjoyable year and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 11/30/2000

Meeting was called to order at 7:32.
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- Total liquid assets $2339.19
The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave, WB9BWP, our president -- Sunday is the club's Christmas party. This year we show very low attendance. If the count is too low the club may have to pay an extra $100.
Next year the club business meetings will start at 7:00 instead of 7:30. This will allow more time for the program. Also next year, we will start with a Chatter every 6 weeks instead of 4 to help conserve cost. Remember that all dues to the club is due in January. After February, no dues means no Chatter and you won't be included in the roster.

The VEC will be charging $8.00 starting in January. This price may change so check the Chatter.

Amateur satellite Phase 3D is finally in orbit. It took 20 years. It is not in final orbit as yet. The space station Ham station was used a little this week.

Two weeks ago we had a Tech class at AES. 3 people attended. Our school leader was Ken, KS4NX. The General class for March is in planning. Dick, WB9PTC, asked if he could use the club repeater for CW classes. Dave said yes. John WB9PSE, will start his CW class soon, also on the club repeater.

Silent key, Dick, KA9MTY's tower and antenna is still available. See Jerry W9SFH if you are interested. Also see Matt, KB9PRC if your interested in a 48 foot fold over tower.

The club repeater is back on the air from it's new location. It is open now but does have PL capability with a 127.3 tone. Try it out. The repeater output power is 25 watts for now. The antenna is 9 stories up for the receiver and 7 stories for the transmitter. The receiver antenna has 9.3 DB gain. The transmitter antenna has about 6 DB gain. ERP is about 100 watts after system losses.

From now on the club ten meter net will start at 8:30 and the two meter net will start at 9:00 or after the conclusion of the 10 meter net.

The club budget is now balanced due to the efforts of our president. We are now breaking even.

Hans, AE9G, says he would be happy to pay extra for his Chatter just to receive a hard copy even though he can receive it via E-Mail. Dave suggested that he make a general contribution to the club and notify Brian, K9LCQ, that he would like a hard copy. This will cut down on another book keeping problem.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Program for the evening was J pole antenna's by Matt, KB9PRC. Wire was donated by WB9LNU.

Raffle by Tom and Jacqie. Special thanks to our kitchen crew for this years efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

KS4NX. They are looking for a third person to be on their committee. At present the repeater is connected as it was at Ed Wille's house, it has all four cavities and the intermod filter in the circuit. Matt, has retuned the cavities. This spring, they will experiment with antenna's to see if coverage can be improved to the south.

Year 2001 committee's - Brian and Jim for Field Day. Brian is looking for additional people to help with the food.
Chatter - Pancho, Barbara, John Merkl and Brian.
Classes and training - Ken and ????????
Meetings - Jim, Myron, Alfred, Tom and Jacqie.
Repeater - Dave, Matt, Nick, Jim, Mark and others at the site. Future ideas Jerry and Ken.
VEC - John and Tom.
Christmas Party - Vern and ?????
Fund raising- ????????
PR - ???????

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary